

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about **TIKTOK**

TIKTOK is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of user lip-synching and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), making funny filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. It now has around a billion users worldwide.

**AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**  
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 Content on TikTok can be inappropriate and disturbing. It includes videos of drug and alcohol use, self-harm, and other harmful behaviors. It is also known for featuring drug and alcohol use, self-harm, and other harmful behaviors. It is also known for featuring drug and alcohol use, self-harm, and other harmful behaviors.

**HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY**  
 13+  
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**EXPLICIT CONTENT**  
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**TIKTOK FAME**  
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**Advice for Parents & Carers**

**TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT**  
 Reminding your child is about TikTok's age limit, ask them about what they've seen on the app and their opinion. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content.

**MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS**  
 The default settings for all users' accounts to private. Keeping it that way is the safest option. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content.

**LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING**  
 With the correct privacy settings applied, users can report and block anyone who posts something they don't like. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content.

**ENHANCE FAMILY PAIRING**  
 Family Pairing lets parents and carers link their own TikTok accounts to their child's. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content.

**USE RESTRICTED MODE**  
 In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' section, you can turn on Restricted Mode. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content.

**MODERATE SCREEN TIME**  
 An online safety guide to help you manage your child's screen time. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content.

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## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about **WHATSAPP**

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, and making voice and video calls. The app offers end-to-end encryption, meaning messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient(s). Not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 reportedly outraged millions of users to know the app. But the new policy was widely misinterpreted. It only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

**16+**  
 In UK & EU, 16+ rest of world

**Prize Scams**  
 WhatsApp users occasionally receive messages from unrecognised third parties or fraudulent prize draws. A common scam involves winning that someone's WhatsApp subscription for free, and offering to claim them from a dubious prize company. Other scams include convincing someone to message to someone else's phone number.

**Disappearing Messages**  
 If you're in a group chat, you can set messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. There are also options to send photos and videos that disappear once they've been viewed. This media can't be saved or forwarded, making disappearing messages a useful tool for sharing sensitive information. However, it's important to note that disappearing messages don't prevent screenshots. The receiver can take a screenshot, and the sender will be notified.

**Enabling Fake News**  
 WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to spreading the spread of dangerous rumours. In India, WhatsApp has been used to spread fake news about the coronavirus pandemic. It is also known for spreading fake news about the coronavirus pandemic. It is also known for spreading fake news about the coronavirus pandemic.

**Connections with Strangers**  
 To start a WhatsApp chat, you need the mobile number of the person you want to message. They also need to have the app. WhatsApp can also access the address book on someone's phone to suggest contacts who may be interested in connecting with you. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content.

**Advice for Parents & Carers**

**Report Potential Scams**  
 Advise your child not to engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content.

**Explain about Blocking**  
 If your child receives spam or offensive messages, odds or lies from a contact, they should block them. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content.

**Create a Safe Profile**  
 Even though someone would need your child's phone number to add them as a contact, an online professional's WhatsApp number is a good way to keep your child safe. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content.

**Use Location Features Sparingly**  
 If your child needs to use WhatsApp to share photos or their friends where they are, they should only do so when necessary. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content.

**Fact-Check Messages**  
 We can now fact-check messages that have been forwarded at least five times in WhatsApp, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content.

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## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about **HORROR GAMES**

Horror video games come in a such a variety that the game can hard to define. The overlapping element is that these games are designed to scare or unsettle the player through gameplay, atmosphere, story, music, setting and jump scares. The most common sub-genres are survival horror, action horror, psychological horror, jumpscare horror and reverse horror. These games originate from a range of developers, including smaller indie studios which release download-only titles (that is, they aren't typically sold in shops) and therefore aren't subject to age ratings.

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**  
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**PSYCHOLOGICAL HORROR**  
 Rather than simply relying on the blood and gore, psychological horror games use a range of techniques to create a sense of dread and unease. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content.

**LONG-TERM FEAR FACTOR**  
 Some horror games are designed to be scary. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content.

**ONLINE INTERACTION**  
 Some horror games are played online. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content.

**BEWARE OF JUMP SCARES**  
 Jump scares in horror games are designed to startle you with their startle response. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content.

**RESEARCH THE GAME**  
 It is best to look into a horror game thoroughly if your child really wants to play it. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content.

**ENCOURAGE BREAKS**  
 It is easy to lose track of time when gaming, and this can be particularly true for horror games. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content.

**IF IN DOUBT, SWAP IT OUT**  
 If your child finds a horror game to play, it is best to swap it out for something else. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content.

**STAY RECEPTIVE**  
 Maintaining good communication with your child is key. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content.

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## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about **SNAPCHAT**

Snapchat is a photo-and-video sharing app which also allows users to chat with friends via text or audio messages. It is designed to be used for a short time (around 24 hours) to share photos and videos. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content.

**13+**  
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**CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS**  
 Even if you're only connected on the app with people you know, they may still receive requests from people you don't know. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content.

**SEXING**  
 Sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content.

**DAMAGE TO CONFIDENCE**  
 Snapchat's 'Blurry' feature can be used to make photos and videos disappear. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content.

**VISIBLE LOCATION**  
 My Places lets users check in at various locations. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content.

**Advice for Parents & Carers**

**TURN OFF QUICK ADD**  
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**CHOOSE GOOD CONNECTIONS**  
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**TALK ABOUT SEXING**  
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**KEEP ACCOUNTS PRIVATE**  
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**BE READY TO BLOCK AND REPORT**  
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